



2020 Advocacy Agenda

EDUCATION

Support state investment of \$500,000 in Iowa Reading Corps to add an additional 40 members per year to serve an additional 700 students per year.

Support poverty and English language learner weighting in the school funding formula to help low-income students reach their full academic potential and help stem the decline in academic success rates among these populations.

Support expansion of the child and dependent care and early childhood development tax credits to allow more Iowans to benefit from these programs.

FINANCIAL STABILITY

Support efforts to end the Childcare Cliff Effect by addressing the entry point and exit tiers for the Childcare Assistance Program.

Support the recommendations of the SNAP Employment & Training Workgroup to increase engagement with the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment & Training program (SNAP E&T).

Maintain current investments in adult basic education, PACE programs, pathway navigators, industry sector partnerships and GAP tuition assistance at \$12.5 million and expand PACE programs to include apprenticeships and other work-based learning opportunities.

Support efforts to expand the access of low-income Iowans to affordable housing.

HEALTH

Support efforts of the Coalition to Advance Mental Health in Iowa for Kids (CAMHI4Kids) to fund the Children's Behavioral Health System established in 2018 via HF 690.

Support sales tax exemption for Iowa Food Banks.

CRISIS SERVICES

Lead efforts to begin state investment in the statewide 2-1-1 coalition for resource referral and disaster recovery services provided to Iowans.